

MINUTES OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD HELD
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE OFFICES
OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CHAIR Ruth Kastner called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT WERE Chair Kastner and Board members Jean Snyder, Donna Hoffmeister, Franklin Noll and Ginny Mudrock.

ALSO PRESENT was Celia Craze, Planning and Community Development director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Noll and seconded by Ms. Hoffmeister that agenda was approved without change.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT: An outline for the annual report as prepared by Ms. Elliott was reviewed, and it was decided to proceed with the report as outlined.

DISCUSSION OF COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE GHI WOODLANDS COMMITTEE: There was general discussion of the need for a joint meeting between the FPAB and the Woodlands Committee versus the need for a central point of contact or spokesperson for each group. The problems associated with the management of the Hamilton Trail were given as an example that there needed to be clear communication between the groups. Ms. Elliott stated that the groups needed to be on the same philosophical platform, or at least to understand and respect the perspectives of each. Ms. Hoffmeister responded that annual meetings would encourage communication, and that there are shared goals and interests between the groups which would benefit from understanding and communication. Since Ms. Bucco was a member of the Woodlands Committee as well as FPAB, it was suggested that she could be the liaison between the groups. Ms. Mudrock offered to be the liaison if Ms. Bucco was unable.

It was decided that FPAB should contact the Woodlands Committee and suggest that a joint meeting be scheduled. One of the items for discussion could be the Hamilton Trail, with other agenda items suggested by the groups. The meeting would be scheduled at the convenience of both bodies.

SCHEDULING OF FOREST PRESERVE WALK-THRU WITH LESLIE RIDDLE: Since the forest preserve is so large, it was suggested that four separate walk-thru's be scheduled, with one devoted to each area of the preserve. Scheduling would be as was convenient for the majority of FPAB members, based on Ms. Riddle's availability. Ms. Craze was asked to coordinate with Ms. Riddle in scheduling these walk-thru's.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia W. Craze
Director

These minutes were adopted by a vote of 5-0.

APPROVED